

The 2002 Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices

***Applications accepted
through June 7, 2002***



Governor Gary Locke with one of the year 2001 winners, Circle & Square Global Car Service. (l-r):Christina Pacheco, Governor Locke, Jana and Reto Filli. (Photo credit: Governor's Office, W. Wilson)

The Washington State Department of Ecology welcomes you to apply for the 2002 Governor's Award. This competitive award honors achievement in pollution prevention and sustainable practices.

Winners of this prestigious award will receive a plaque presented at a ceremony at the State Capitol in September. The Department of Ecology will provide free publicity.

Pollution prevention is the reduction or elimination of waste at the source instead of at the end of a process. Pollution prevention strives to use raw materials, water, energy and other resources more efficiently, and to reduce the use and emission of toxic substances whenever possible.

Sustainable practices have even higher goals: to eliminate the use of persistent substances and to address the impacts of a product or process upstream to the supply chain and downstream to impacts from the use or disposal of a product. The broader goal of sustainability promotes choices which do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs, and focuses attention on the interdependence of environmental, economic and community goals.

Eligibility

Any Washington business, association, government agency, non-profit group, or school in good standing with environmental regulations is eligible. Facilities that engage in any of the following pollution prevention and sustainable practices are encouraged to apply.

Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Practices

Toxics Reduction

- Reducing or eliminating the use of toxic materials
- Reducing or eliminating persistent, bio-accumulative toxins (such as mercury or PCBs)

Waste Reduction

- Reducing or eliminating generation of solid and/or hazardous waste at the source
- Reducing or eliminating emissions to air or water at the source

Resource Conservation

- Increasing the use of renewable and recycled materials
- Reducing energy use or using renewable energy sources
- Reducing water use


Product Stewardship

- Providing take-back programs (manufacturer or retailer take back consumer products at the end of their useful life for refurbishing or reuse)
- Minimizing the environmental impact of a product throughout its life cycle
- Providing products and/or services which have a positive benefit to society and the environment


Application Instructions

Self-nominations and second-party-nominations are accepted. Previous winners are invited to reapply as well. (Achievements since the award was received should be clearly identified.)

Application Options:

 **On-line on the Internet:** Complete and submit an application on-line at www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability. (Essays may be composed in a word-processing application, then copied-and-pasted into the spaces provided on the on-line form.) (See note on **Attachments** below.) **OR**


 **Electronic mail:** Download the (MS Word format) application from www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability, complete it, and attach it to an e-mail message to: aber461@ecy.wa.gov (See note on **Attachments** below.) **OR**


 **Regular mail:** Use this form, or download the (MS Word or Adobe Acrobat pdf format) application from www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability, complete it, and mail three paper copies to: Anch Bergeson, Governor's Award Office, HWTR, Department of Ecology, PO Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600 (or if sending by private courier such as FedEx or UPS: Governor's Award Office, HWTR, Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive, Olympia, WA 98503). The three copies should:


- be clear, clean, and easily-reproducible
- be printed on white paper (recycled if possible)
- be double-sided, if possible
- have numbered pages
- be stapled separately in upper-left corner

Application Content and Format:

 Complete the **Application Cover Page**, including the **Overview** section.

 Respond to the four general **Application Questions** in 5 pages single-sided (or 2 ½ pages double-sided). Please give as much detail as you can to assist judges in making their selections. Any activities that occurred during the past three years may be included in your application.

 Visit the Governor's Award **Web Site** at www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability for guidance on completing the application. Tips and advice on how to best present your pollution prevention accomplishments in writing are provided here. If you cannot access the Internet, please contact the award office at (360) 407-6609 for a hardcopy.

 **Attachments:** Up to ten additional pages of supporting materials may be attached. If submitting electronically (on-line or via electronic mail), the attachments may be sent by electronic mail, or separately by regular mail. Please note on the **Application Cover Page** if Attachments will be included.

Applications will be accepted through **June 7, 2002**.

Selection Process

All applicants will be initially reviewed for compliance with environmental regulations and general quality of performance. Award winners will be selected by a panel of judges that includes previous winners, pollution prevention experts, and representatives from labor and environmental groups.

Notification

Winners will be notified by August 30, 2002.

Application Assistance

The Governor's Award web site at www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability provides helpful tips on how to complete the application and how to present your accomplishments effectively. If you cannot access the site or prefer to receive hardcopies of these pages, please contact the award office (below).

Questions?

Contact the award office: Anch Bergeson at the Department of Ecology (360) 407-6609, or e-mail aber461@ecy.wa.gov

2001 Governor's Award Winners

A-1 Builders, Inc.	DuPont Flooring Systems
Bemis Company, Inc.	Inflation Systems, Inc.
Bernard Imports, Inc.	Naval Submarine Base, Bangor
Circle & Square Global Car Service	Rehab the Lab
Siemens Solar Industries	

Read about these winners at www.ecy.wa.gov/sustainability

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*Central Region (TDD) (509) 454-7673
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Application Cover Page

Please provide the following information. Complete this cover page and submit it with your responses to the **Overview** section and the **Application Questions**. By applying, applicants grant the Washington State Department of Ecology permission to publish a summary of their accomplishments.

Applicants may self-nominate or be recommended for the award by another individual or organization. Either party may complete the application.

Applicant Information

Company/Organization Name:

Product/Service:

Number of employees:

Location address:

Contact Name:

Title:

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

Have you applied for this award in previous years?

☐ Yes ☐ No When?

Are attachments included? ☐ Yes ☐ No How will they be sent? ☐ with application ☐ separately

Nomination Information

If someone other than the applicant (above) completed this application, please provide the following information:

Name:

Title:

Phone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

Location address:

Category

Please indicate which category best describes your facility:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Trade or professional organization |
| — Small (0-49 employees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Government agency |
| — Medium (50-249 employees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental, community, or non-profit organization |
| — Large (250 or more employees) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Please provide your responses to the following questions on separate sheets of paper.

Overview

- A. Please give a brief description of your business or organization.
- B. Please give a summary of your pollution prevention and sustainable practices. Include past environmental awards that you have received and the years presented (e.g., EnviroStars, ENERGY STAR[®]).

Application Questions

Please answer all of the questions below as completely as possible. Keep in mind the pollution prevention and sustainable practices examples on page 2. Applications that demonstrate comprehensive programs and those with quantifiable results generally receive greater recognition from the judges. (Up to 10 pages of supporting materials may be submitted. These may include, for example, data tables or graphs, photographs, news articles of your organization's environmental successes, etc.)

*Note: **Previous winners**, please clearly identify achievements since award was last received.*

1. Benefits Achieved

- **Environmental Benefits** – How has your program resulted in positive environmental results? Examples: conservation of resources, reduction in hazardous waste or emissions, closed-loop processes, prevention of hazardous discharges.
- **Economic Benefits** – What are the financial rewards of the program? Examples: increased profits through waste reduction, elimination of disposal fees or development of new markets.
- **Employee Benefits** – How have the employees benefited? Examples: increases in worker satisfaction, worker safety, and health.
- **Community** – How does the program contribute to the community's quality of life? Examples: company participation in school programs, charitable contributions to social programs.

2. Innovation

Why do you consider the program to be innovative? Describe the barriers or challenges that were overcome to achieve goals. If you feel that this is an environmentally superior product or service, please tell us why.

3. Leadership and Commitment

How does the facility demonstrate environmental leadership? Please include information about management commitment, employee participation, and community involvement. If pollution prevention knowledge is shared with others in your community, industry or association, please tell us how. How do your activities promote equitable distribution of environmental benefits and risks among diverse economic and cultural communities?

4. Other ...

Describe anything else you would like to share of your organization's accomplishments that would be relevant to this award.